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SUBJ: GOP DISSOLVES AGRARIAN CONFEDERATION

1. THE GOP PUBLISHED A DECREE LAW MAY 31 DISSOLVING THE NATIONAL AGRARIAN CONFEDERATION (CNA) FOR "HAVING DEDICATED ITSELF TO POLITICAL AND PARTY ACTIVITIES AND TO MAKING PROFITS" USING GOVERNMENT FUNDS AND RESOURCES. LIMA DAILIES REPORTED JUNE 1 THAT STATE SECURITY FORCES HAVE TAKEN POSSESSION OF CNA BUILDINGS AND FUNDS AND THAT A "LIQUIDATING COMMISSION" HEADED BY AN ARMY COLONEL HAS ALREADY BEGUN ITS LABOR OF DISMANTLING THE ORGANIZATION. GOP STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT LEGITIMATE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

2. THE GOP ALSO ACCUSED AVELINA MAR ARIAS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CNA, OF "ACTS OF SUBVERSION" IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAY 22-23 GENERAL STRIKE, AND NOTED THE PARTICIPATION OF MAR AND OTHER CNA LEADERS IN THE PSR (MAR IS NO. 3 ON THE CANDIDATE LIST OF THIS LEFTIST PARTY AND IS BEING SOUGHT BY THE GOP). THE REPORT ALSO CITED "GRAVE IRREGULARITIES" IN THE USE OF

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GOVERNMENT FUNDS, A CHARGE FIRST RAISED BY THE GOP SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. EMBASSY LABOR SOURCES INDICATE THAT THE GOP WILL NOT BE CONTENT WITH MERELY BREAKING UP THE CNA BUT THAT IT MAY ALSO PROSECUTE INDIVIDUALS WHO ALLEGEDLY HAVE MISUSED OFFICIAL FUNDS. INITIAL REACTION BY POLITICAL PARTIES TO THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION HAS BEEN PREDICTABLE WITH THE MORE CONSERVATIVE PARTIES WELCOMING THE MOVE AND THE LEFT

CONDEMNING IT.

3. COMMENT: THE LINK BETWEEN THE CNA, CREATED IN 1974 TO RALLY SUPPORT FOR GOVERNMENT AGRICULTURAL POLICIES, AND THE PSR, HEADED BY EX-SINAMOS CHIEF RETIRED GENERAL LEONIDAS RODRIGUEZ FIGUEROA, HAS LONG BEEN PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT THE PSR'S "SUBVERSIVE" ACTIVITIES DURING LAST WEEK'S STRIKE WAS THE FINAL STRAW IN THE BRIEF BUT TRYING GOP SPONSORSHIP OF ITS OWN AGRARIAN CONFEDERATION. LIKE THE DISSOLUTION OF SINAMOS, THE END OF CNA IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE GOP'S POLICY OF DISMANTLING SOME OF THE MORE RADICAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT GREW OUT OF VELASCO'S FIRST PHASE.

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